

GEELONG CAMERA CLUB

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AFTERNOON GLOW

BY Bob Medwell

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FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

The shutters have been clicking, and the committee has been ticking!

This month the Geelong Camera Club Committee bravely donned high-vis vests (well, metaphorically) to conduct our annual safety audit for the City of Greater Geelong. Fire extinguishers were tested, compliance boxes were checked, and we're pleased to report that both our safety standards and our sense of humour remain fully operational.

A discussion paper has also been circulated exploring the potential for an Editing Support Group via Zoom. This could be a fantastic way for members to share skills, swap tips, and collectively ponder, "Was that horizon *really* straight?" Be sure to have your say!

Meanwhile, our new kitchen is up and running beautifully. Early reviews suggest the kettle boils faster, the bikkies taste better, and the post-competition debriefs are significantly more civilised.

Planning for the End of Year Awards judging day and presentation event is well underway so polish those lenses and your acceptance speeches. We also note that several committee positions will become vacant next club year. If you've ever thought, "I could do that!" now's your moment. The club runs on volunteers, fresh ideas, and the occasional strong coffee.

Our Christmas raffle funds were proudly donated to Give Where You Live. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

We're still seeking a champion to take over our major fundraiser, the Introduction to Photography course, next year. February saw a successful trial of Members Judging Night, and we were delighted to host guest speaker Jay Collier.

Next stop: club camp at Warburton. Pack your camera, your walking shoes, and possibly a spare memory card!

GCC Committee

FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULTS

PRINTS OPEN A GRADE

JUDGE: IN HOUSE JUDGING



First Place

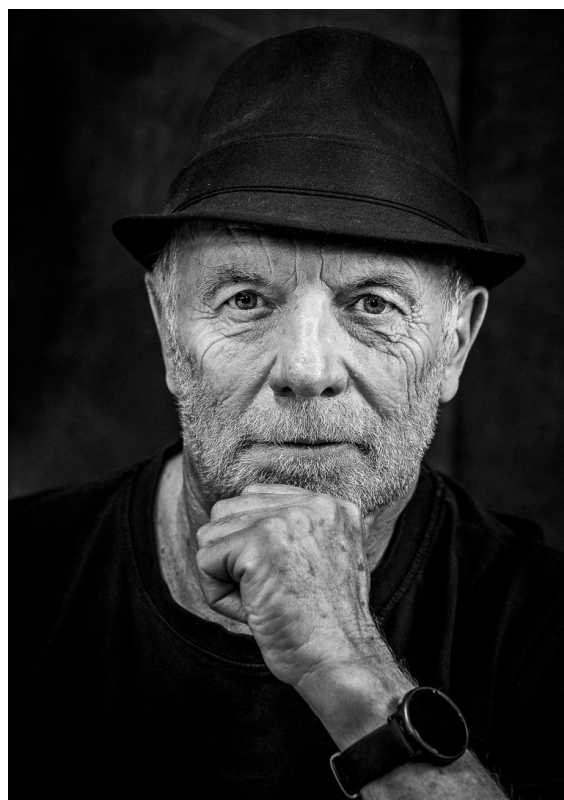
PARTY BUS

By Jennifer Gold

Second Place

BRIAN

By Shelley McKiernan



Third Place

STORM AT DOG ROCKS

By Chris Reichl

FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULTS

PRINTS OPEN B GRADE

JUDGE: IN HOUSE JUDGING



First Place

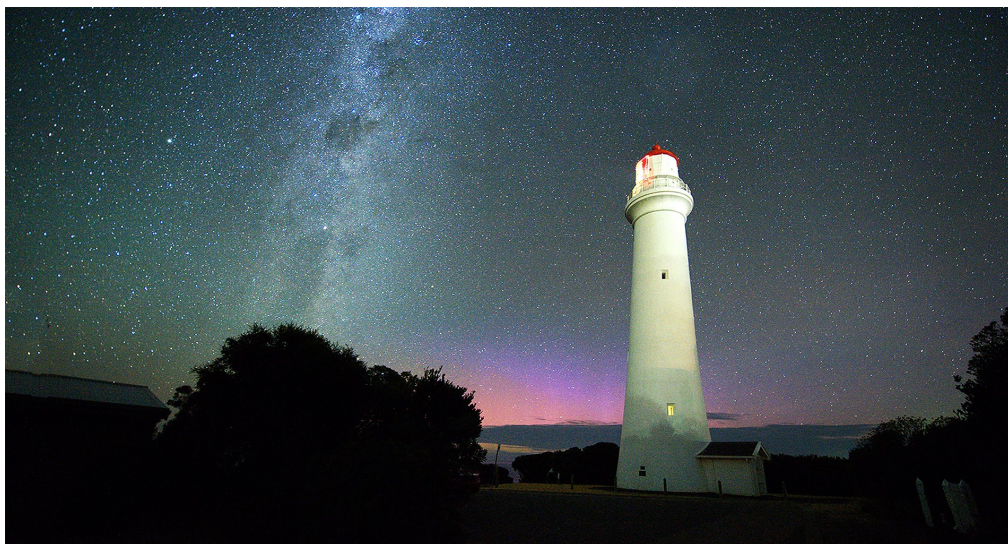
NATURAL SEDUCTION

By David Rendle

Second Place

AIREYS BY NIGHT

By Sam Neumann



Third Place

THE DATING GAME

By Sam Neumann

FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULTS

OPEN PRINT A AND B GRADE MERITS

JUDGE: IN HOUSE JUDGING

No Image Provided

A GRADE

PANDORA

By Dee Kelly



A GRADE

NIGHT VISITORS

By Jennifer Gold

B GRADE

GNARLED

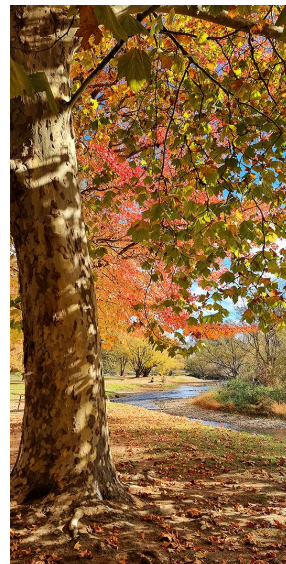
By David Rendle



B GRADE

Natures Palette

By Sam Neumann



FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULTS

EDI OPEN A GRADE

JUDGE: IN HOUSE JUDGING



First Place

LIGHTNING FAST

By Phillipa Alexander

Second Place

NEW HOLLAND HONEYEATER LANDING

By Andrew Leece



Third Place

INCOMING PINK

By John Best

FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULTS

EDI OPEN B GRADE

JUDGE: IN HOUSE JUDGING



First Place

CHAMELEON

By Chris Scott

Second Place

LATE EVENING FISHING

By Chris Scott



Third Place

PORT CAMPBELL

By Gerry Van der Meer

FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULTS

OPEN EDI A AND B GRADE MERITS

JUDGE: IN HOUSE JUDGING



A GRADE

SLALEM

By Shelley McKiernan



A GRADE

AURORA AUSTRALIS

By Judith Wood

B GRADE

SHEDDING IT'S SKIN

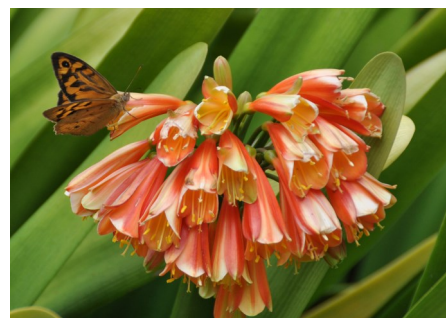
By Moira Davies



B GRADE

BUTTERFLY WINGS UP KISS

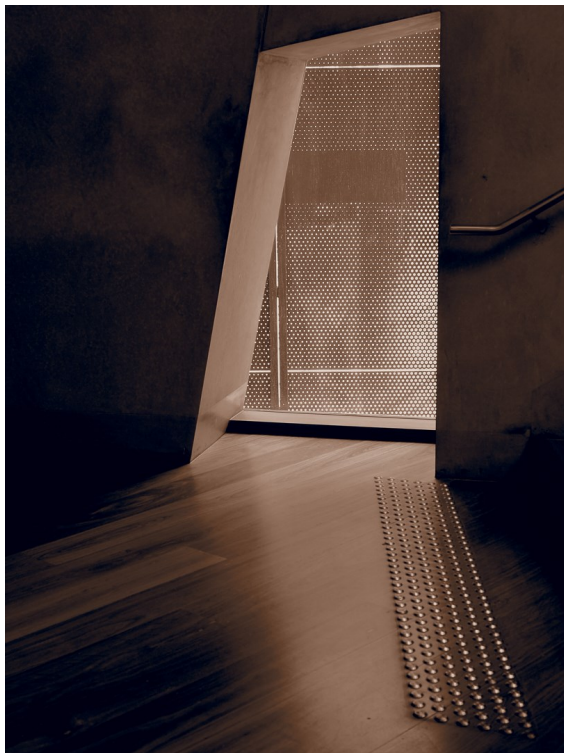
By Gen Young



FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULTS

SET SUBJECT A GRADE— CALM

JUDGE: IN HOUSE JUDGING



First Place

SCREENED STAIRWELL WINDOW LIGHT

By Darryl Martin

Second Place

CONTEMPLATION

By Judith Wood



Third Place

FOR THE LOVE OF IRISES

By Shelley McKiernan

FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULTS

SET SUBJECT B GRADE— CALM

JUDGE: IN HOUSE JUDGING



First Place

LITTLE BOSS

By Steve Davies



Second Place

LITTLE FINGER WRAPPED

By Steve Davies



Third Place

MORNING SHAVE

By Gerry Van der Meer

FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULTS

SET SUBJECT— CALM —A AND B GRADE MERITS

JUDGE: IN HOUSE JUDGING



A GRADE

HOLDING BACK THE NIGHT

By Phillipa Alexander



A GRADE

THE WRINGER

By Judith Wood

B GRADE

RAINDROPS ON WINDOW

By Chris Scott



B GRADE

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

BY Gerry Van der Meer



LIGHTSEEKERS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Lightseekers commenced their year in February with a get together at The Hub and was very well attended by members. The morning coffees are always an enjoyable time for socializing and a general chit chat over a few hours.

The following week we went on an outing to the Blue Lake in Ocean Grove and we will review the images at our next Club House meeting.

March looms as a full month of activity commencing with an outing to the water skiing at Moomba. Last year was very well attended by members and many great shots were taken and particularly of the water jump competition. Everyone is welcome.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF GCC.

In 2025 LS were invited to take part in a photo exhibition at The Hub in East Geelong, and to use the words of their administration, it was an outstanding success. So much so we have again been invited to take part in The Hub's "Christmas in July". This activity is The Hub's major fund-raising time and we have accepted their invitation.

All GCC members are invited to take the opportunity of displaying their work in this forum, and if such member wishes to offer her/his work for sale. the chance is there to do so. Last year there was a limit of up to 4 images per member and we showed some 85 works in total, and this is the number we will be looking at this year. Please note that the price you wish to place on your image is your decision. There is NO cost to display your work, however if the image is sold, then The Hub takes a commission of 20 percent which is understandable.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask either Alan Wilkins, Peter Roupas or myself. I will send out a general E Mail to all members in April asking for members to indicate her/his interest in this Exhibition.

Regards to all,

Frank Kennedy

fdk43@yahoo.com

BIRDS & NATURE

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

RECENT ACTIVITY: InHouse meeting - images and discussion on the syllabus for the coming year

NEXT OUTING: **Saturday March 21st** **Kennett River Walk** (see next page for details)

NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday 19th May** **InHouse** - 7:30pm in the clubrooms

The wonderful world of **BIRDS AND NATURE** Special Interest Group



AUTUMN 2026

21 MAR Sat - Kennett River Walk (Pam Colenso)

19 MAY Tue - InHouse (Clubrooms)

21 Jun Sun - Central Otways (Chris Reichl)

18 Aug Tue - InHouse (Clubrooms)

September - Echuca Camp (date TBA)

20 Oct Tue - InHouse (Clubrooms)

21 Nov Sat - Avalon Beach (Janet Miller)

8 Dec Tue - InHouse BreakUp (Clubrooms)

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INHOUSE MEETING

Our first meeting for the year was held in February where, along with showing some excellent nature and bird images from members, the year's syllabus was also discussed.

Our next outing is to Kennett River on Saturday 21st March; full details are set out below. Please do not forget to log your attendance before arrival, as per information below.

- Sue Wilson



Images by Marion Best, Pam Colenso, Chris Reichl, Ross Hyde, Sue Wilson

KENNETT RIVER WALK - Great Ocean Road - SATURDAY 21st MARCH 10:00am - meet in the car park at Kennett River

Link to the Kennett River Nature Walk:

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/victoria/kennett-river-nature-walk--2>

12 noon: coffee/lunch at Kafe Koala at Kennett River

<https://www.kafekoala.com.au/menu/KAPE%20KOALA%20MENU.pdf>

You may wish to organise to car pool from the clubroom - individuals to organise.

King parrots and koalas will feature and other birds, plants and invertebrates may be found; seascapes and forest scenes as well. Also, there is plenty to see and photograph whilst travelling down and back. It promises to be a good day out.

The Great Ocean Road is open and ready to greet you after the floods; Kennett River was thankfully spared the disastrous event.

Contact: Pam Colenso Mobile: 0418 142 377 email: pam.colenso08@gmail.com

It is essential to log your attendance at outings

Please let Pam know by text or email if you are attending and with any queries you may have.

INTERCLUB REPORT

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Our second-round entry for the PSA Interclub Competition is now underway and it's a great reflection of the variety and enthusiasm within Geelong Camera Club. The set brings together images from across the club, showing different approaches, subjects and personal styles.

There's a real mix in this round — from beautifully observed light and atmosphere to bold compositions and moments that invite a second look. Entering the Interclub Competition continues to be a rewarding way for members to see their work in a wider context and to measure our progress alongside clubs from around the world and we're looking forward to seeing how this round is received.

A big thank you to everyone who submitted work and to those who helped select the entries, Shelley McKiernan - Photo Travel; Peter Roupas - Monochrome; Dee Kelly - Nature; and Frank Kennedy - Photojournalism and I select the Open entry.

Results will be announced in due course - until then, I encourage members to consider submitting their best images to the selectors to be considered for Round 3.

Phillipa Alexander

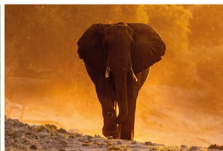
Nature Division Interclub, Round Two



Bobcat
Entry # 1
Jenny Gold



Cheetah Chases Gazelle
Entry # 2
Kerry Boytell,
EFIAPD2



Elephant in Dust at Sunset
Entry # 3
Andrew Leece



Running Bear
Entry # 4
Marion Best



Sibling Rivalry
Entry # 5
Dee Kelly,
AFIAP



The Queen and the Drone
Entry # 6
Frank Kennedy,
EPSA, AFIAP

PID Colour Interclub, Round Two



The Eyrie
Entry # 1
Heather Prince,
EFIAP



A Magical Sunrise
Entry # 2
Lyn Northam



Wild Horses
Entry # 3
Shelley McKiernan



The End of the Line
Entry # 4
Judith Wood

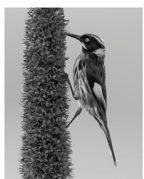


Buzz
Entry # 5
Sue Wilson



Queen Guinevere
Entry # 6
Dee Kelly,
AFIAP

PID Monochrome Interclub, Round Two



Honey Eater Feeding
Entry # 1
Andrew Leece



Introspective Moment
Entry # 2
Shelley McKiernan



Calanais Standing Stones
Entry # 3
Lyn Northam



Tower with Gills
Entry # 4
Mick Kupresanin



Peek A Boo
Entry # 5
Sheryle Griffiths



Monstera Flower
Entry # 6
Joanna Leece

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Photojournalism Division Interclub, Round Two



Water Skiing
Entry # 1
Robert Medwell



Eight Seconds
Entry # 2
Dee Kelly,
AFIAP



Human Barrier
Entry # 3
Frank Kennedy,
EPSA, AFIAP



Speedy Side Car
Entry # 4
Hans Kawitzki,
EFIAP



Hang On Cowboy
Entry # 5
Jane Cross



Close Finish
Entry # 6
Peter Roupas,
EFIAP

Photo Travel Division Interclub, Round Two



Havana Street
Entry # 1
Shelley McKiernan



Desert Camels
Entry # 2
Chris Reichl,
AFIAP



The Puddle
Entry # 3
Hans Kawitzki,
EFIAP



Lavender Farm at Dawn
Entry # 4
Phillipa Alexander,
EFIApp, MPSA



Late
Entry # 5
Sue Wilson



Ban Gioc Waterfalls Vietnam
Entry # 6
Marion Best

WARBURTON VALLEY AND SURROUNDING REGION

MAPS AND VISITOR INFORMATION



Photo by Graeme Edwards

GCC Autumn Camp 15 to 17 May 26



T: 03 5966 2277

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W: hampshireholidays.com.au/warburton

A: 30 Woods Point Road, Warburton VIC 3799

Example of Photographic Opportunities:

- Mt Donna Buang
- Rainforest Gallery
- Redwood Forest
- Healesville Sanctuary
- Noojee Trestle Bridge
- Toorong Falls

Camp Co-Ordinator:

Judy Medwell – 0413 383 772 or medwell52@hotmail.com

WORKSHOP—OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

On Wednesday the 26th February, Sheryle hosted a workshop at the clubrooms. It was a highly successful and popular night with many members attending. Sheryle ran a short visual clip, which explained the idea of using every day items to create optical illusions.

Members used their mobile phones and cameras to have a taste of making their own optical illusions. This is just another facet of photography that some members may have not tried out yet. Sheryle gave the boost that was required to try this idea at home. It was nice to see the experienced members mentoring the newer members too.



Images taken by Heather O'Flynn

MARCH 2026			
WED	4	7:30 PM	Competition Night - Open Prints; Open EDI; Altered Reality EDI <i>Competition Entries Due for APRIL for Open Prints; Open EDI; SS EDI:Reflections</i>
THUR	5	10:00 AM	Lightseekers: Outing - Melbourne, Moomba
THUR	5	7:30 PM	Introduction to Photography Course - Final Night Week 8: Print Presentation and Critique
WED	11	4:30 PM	Committee Meeting
WED	11	7:30 PM	WORKSHOP / TECH NIGHT - GADGET NIGHT , bring along the gadgets that you use ie: len balls, water drop trigger, extreme macro Be prepared to set up your equipment and show what it does.
THUR	12	10:00 AM	Lightseekers: clubrooms (review images)
WED	18	7:30 PM	GUEST SPEAKER - Kelly Clitheroe - Geelong Astronomical Society CONFIRMED
THUR	19	10:00 AM	Lightseekers: Outing - Lake Elizabeth
WED	25	6:00pm don't forget to advise team leader by text when you ARRIVE and LEAVE	Team Challenge - Eastern Beach (meet at ferris wheel), North Shore (meet at car park), Barwon Heads (meet at bridge car park) 3 x team leaders to be appointed. Challenge is YOU MUST USE A SET FOCAL LENGTH OF 50mm. <i>If you have a nifty 50 use that if you don't have a nifty 50 (50mm prime lens) then use a lens that you can go down to 50mm. All images must be taken at 50mm. No zoom, if you want to get closer or further away you are the zoom - move forward or move back. Please note the clubrooms will be closed on this night</i>
THUR	26	10:00 AM	Lightseekers: Club rooms (review images) Term 1 Challenge Images Due (Panorama)

MEMBER INFO

MEMBERSHIP FEES

ANNUAL FEES

Membership fees are paid annually and are due by 31st July each year; fees below are effective for the club year 2025-2026. Payment process is advised to members prior to the due date.

\$75.00 Single

\$65.00 Single Concession*

\$65.00 Full Time Student

\$110.00 Family (2 People - \$50 each additional family member)

\$100.00 Family Concession* (2 People - \$45 each additional family member)

(*Concessions: Age Pension, Government Seniors Card, Unemployed, Full Time Student, Disability Pension)

ProRata Membership Fees:

January to 30th July = 50% of full year fees as listed above

May to 30th July = membership fees nil, or 25% of full year fees for voting and competition rights



MEMBER FACILITIES

STUDIO HIRE

Studio facilities are available to those who have been members for at least three months and must be booked through the club treasurer.

The main hall of the clubroom may be used as a studio. GCC have their own lighting equipment and three backdrops (white, black and green screen); backdrops must be cleaned after use.

Club lighting is available only after the member has been instructed in the use of the lights and equipment; it is not available to non-club members.

Fees are as follows:

\$40.00 per session for members using their own studio lights

\$50.00 + \$50.00 refundable bond per session for members using the club's studio lights

DARKROOM

The darkroom manager is the contact person for organising use of darkroom facilities - please see a committee member who can advise contact details.



MEMBER APPAREL

We have a range of club logo clothing including jackets, tops, caps and beanies available to members for very reasonable prices. These are available for ordering from a local supplier via our website.



LIBRARY

Instructional, special interest and general photographic books and magazines are available to borrow. Limit three books for two weeks. When borrowing, the library register is to be completed, recording borrower's name, book title and date borrowed.

There are two cabinets - one that all members can access; the second is a locked cabinet and requires one of our library officers to be in attendance for access.

